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Big Muddy

Ceremony Announces Service's Plan to Expand Refuge to up to 60,000 Acres Along the Missouri River Floodplain

At a brief ceremony May 12, in historic St. Charles, Mo., Service Regional Director Bill Hartwig signed the official record of decision authorizing the expansion of the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge in Missouri.

Hartwig's decision allows the Service to begin working with the state's landowners, businesses, local governments and non-profit groups to establish, restore and preserve a refuge of 60,000 acres, located along the Missouri River floodplain from Kansas City to St. Louis, Mo.

After evaluating five alternatives for restoring fish and wildlife values to the floodplain, Hartwig selected "Option B," which calls for expansion of the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge from its current authorized size of 16,628 acres to 60,000 acres. The option also includes increased opportunities for public use, including hunting, fishing and wildlife observation.

Hartwig said preventing loss of productive agricultural land was a major consideration during the evaluation process. The Service's selected alternative keeps 92 percent of the floodplain land between the two cities available for agriculture production.

The Service plan will restore about eight percent of the riverine habitat along the floodplain, and compliment restoration efforts by other federal and state agencies, and private groups. Natural resource managers in the Midwest generally agree that between 10 and 20 percent of the 800,000-acre floodplain and associated fish and wildlife habitats between Kansas City and St. Louis must be restored to insure long-term health of the river's ecosystem.

"If we can preserve agricultural production along the river while reducing the economic impact of flooding, and significantly improving habitat for fish and wildlife, then everybody wins," Hartwig said.



Remembering Lewis and Clark. Tom Larson (left), chief of ascertainment and planning, Division of Realty, talks Missouri river history with Jim Rasher of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles. Several reenactors from the Expedition attended the ceremony announcing the expansion of the Big Muddy National Wildlife Refuge.

The Service will work cooperatively with state and federal agencies, and other willing sellers to acquire land along the floodplain. Land acquisition costs are estimated at \$48 million. (*Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*)



Big Whoop. A costumed parent shows off an oversized whooping crane costume at Necedah NWR's recent public meeting to discuss whooping crane reintroduction efforts in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's Whooping Crane Reintroduction Plans Topic of Public Meeting at Necedah NWR

Wisconsin residents learned more about Whooping Crane Recovery efforts and plans for a fall release of the birds in Wisconsin during a recent public meeting at Necedah NWR.

The Necedah NWR/Meadow Valley State Wildlife Area is one of three sites being considered by the Whooping Crane Recovery Team for a release of the birds this fall. Other sites include Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area and Horicon NWR/Horicon State Wildlife Area.

Ninety-eight people attended the meeting, which included displays provided by the Wisconsin DNR, Necedah NWR, Friends of Necedah and the International Crane Foundation.

Local school students colored pictures of whooping cranes and their footprints. A costumed crane parent

mingled among the crowd and a local craftsman twisted balloons into crane hats for visitors to wear.

Dr. John Cannon presented a slide show on the recovery effort and gathered input via written survey forms on what the residents felt about the potential release site. A decision on the final re-introduction site is expected in September.

Five members of the media (two radio and three newspaper reporters) and congressional aid from Senator Russ Feingold's office also attended. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of Necedah.

Other partners in the event included Whooping Crane Recovery Team, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources and the International Crane Foundation. (*Jennifer Rabuck, Necedah NWR*)

NAWCA Grants Awarded to Wetland Habitat Projects in Wisconsin, Michigan

Five wetland habitat projects in Wisconsin and Michigan were recently awarded North American Wetlands Conservation Act grants by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

The grants, totaling \$184,500, will be used to protect, restore and enhance 450 acres of wetland and upland habitat. Project funded include: Huiras Lake Natural Area Acquisition; Lowney-Rohan Wetland Preservation Project; Superior Township Wetlands Acquisition; Mitchell Creek Preserve and Silver River Watershed Project.

Partners in the restoration efforts include the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan DNR, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, Waupaca County Land and Water Conservation Department, Wisconsin DNR, Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, Inc. (*Barbara Pardo, Joint Venture Office*)

Fish Health Newsletter Published by LaCrosse Fish Health Center

Terry Ott and Jan Beitlich of the LaCrosse Fish Health Center in Onalaska, Wis., recently published and distributed the Center's first Fish Health Newsletter.

The quarterly newsletter will cover topics pertaining to fish health management in the Great Lakes/Big Rivers Region as well as current activities at the Center.

Approximately 200 copies of the first issue were distributed to state, private, federal and congressional offices. (*Becky Lasee, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*)

Sales of Cuddly Canine Promotes Prairie Preservation

Service, State and Others Partner to Acquire and Preserve Prairie Habitat

Working with non-profit groups, corporate sponsors and the media is nothing new for employees in Region 3. But add a few Black Labrador puppies to the mix and some interesting things begin to happen.

Let's give credit first to Raven, the Black Labrador from Minnesota who started the whole thing by delivering a batch of puppies. Credit too goes to the fellow who keeps her food dish full, Ron Schara, host of "Minnesota Bound" and ESPN's "Back Roads with Ron & Raven."

Teaming with Midwest outdoor retailer Gander Mountain and the folks from Pheasants Forever, Ron and Raven helped launch a unique campaign last fall to raise funds for prairie habitat.

It began as a simple idea: sell chances to "adopt" one of Raven's puppies and use the proceeds for



habitat projects. But the idea soon blossomed into a full-scale marketing effort, culminating in the sale of plush "Gander Gang" pups and dogs through Gander Mountain retail

stores. The prairie angle? Five dollars from every purchase would go to Pheasants Forever for their Prairie Heritage Fund.

Promotional spots on Twin Cities television along with flyers distributed at over 1,300 Minnesota State Lottery locations fueled the adoption campaign. And, thanks to a direct mail campaign to Pheasants Forever chapters and in-store advertising, sales of the plush canines were a hit. Retailing at \$19.99 (12" size) and \$29.99 (17" size), nearly 7,000 plush pooches were sold by the end of the 1998 holiday season. But that was just the beginning.

The proceeds from the adoption program and sale were then matched by two challenge grants, one from the state of Minnesota and a second from the Service's North American Wetland Conservation Act grants program. In the end, a total of over \$150,000 was used by Pheasants Forever for the acquisition and preservation of prairie uplands and wetlands in Minnesota.

Joe Duggan, Pheasants Forever's Vice-President of Development and Public Affairs, says the Prairie Heritage initiative will benefit many grassland species, including pheasants, ducks, songbirds, shorebirds and other related wildlife.

Over the course of the prairie initiative, Pheasants Forever plans to invest nearly \$3.5 million in prairie projects throughout the Midwest. With matching funds from other partners, over \$5 million will be pumped into prairie projects. Duggan hopes the popularity of the "Gander Gang" program will also encourage other partners to step forward with matching contributions. (Dan Sobieck, *External Affairs*)



Name That Duck

Refuge staffer Dave Azure helps two local fifth grade students identify waterfowl during recent environmental education classes at Worthington Waterfowl Production Area in southwest Minnesota. A total of 240 area fifth graders participated in the outdoor education experience. (Photo by Steve Kallin, *Windom WMD*).



Great Lakes Bound. Fishery Biologist Robert Pos (right) and Marcia Floyd, collect and mark lake trout fingerlings at Pendills Creek NFH. (Photo by Tracy Mattheis)

Pendills Creek Hatchery Marks 741,405 Lake Trout For Spring Release to Lakes Huron and Michigan

Hatchery staff at Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery recently completed marking of approximately 741,405 fingerling Lake Trout for release into Lakes Michigan and Huron in support of the Great Lakes Lake Trout Restoration Initiative.

The marking project begins in March each year and generally runs until the end of April. Fish are released into the Great Lakes during June. Lake Trout are marked by a finclip each year prior to spring stocking to differentiate hatchery raised fish from wild fish.

Seasonal employees are hired to mark the fingerlings by clipping certain fins which are established for each year class of fish. The lake trout that are clipped vary in size and can be anywhere from four to five inches in length.

The clip assists scientists in identifying lake trout age classes, rearing locations, migration patterns, and to calculate survival rates. Approximately 860 hours were expended by hatchery staff to complete the project. (Tracy Matthies, Pendills Creek NFH)

162-Acre Turner Lake Wetland Restoration Dedicated in Illinois

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Brent Manning joined representatives of federal, state, and local governments and private organizations at the recent dedication of the Turner Lake Wetland Restoration Project at Chain O'Lakes State Park in north-eastern Illinois.

The \$148,000 restoration and enhancement of the 162-acre wetland was made possible with funding from the Service, and The Conservation Fund's Northeast Illinois Wetland Restoration Account, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Pheasants Forever, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Openlands Project. (Mike Johnson, Chicago Field Office)

Minnesota Valley NWR Concludes First Round of CCP Open Houses

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge recently completed the first round of open houses designed to solicit ideas and comments that will shape the future of the refuge.

Refuge staff hosted day-long open houses in Mankato, Henderson, Carver, Burnsville, and Bloomington Minn. Displays explained the Comprehensive Conservation Planning (CCP) process, the refuge's Friends organization, refuge scenes and the Minnesota State Trail.

Visitors shared their ideas, concerns, and priorities by drawing on maps, filling out comment cards, or writing their interests on easels. Refuge and Minnesota DNR staff were on hand to listen to the public and to discuss their ideas and interests. (Jill Torres, Minnesota Valley NWR)

Service Assists Fledgling Tribal Walleye Hatchery

Ashland Staffer Helps LacVieux Desert Hatchery Produce 450,000 Walleye

The Lac Vieux Desert (LVD) hatchery program is a newcomer to the business of hatching fish. The tribe started their walleye fish hatchery program in 1992 and have continued to collect walleye eggs during the tribe's annual spearing harvest.

The Ashland Fishery Resource Office has provided fish hatchery technical assistance that has helped the Tribe to construct a new fish hatchery facility in Watersmeet, Mich., plus operate a fry rearing program. A successful rearing cycle this year resulted in the hatching of 450,000 fry. Frank Stone assisted the

Tribe with the routine care of the eggs and chemical treatments to stop the spread of fungus. Stone also assisted with the release of 400,000 walleye fry in LVD Lake plus an additional transfer of 50,000 fry that will be held over in a earthen pond for an extended growth program. The LVD hatchery is capable of producing approximately 1.3 million walleye eggs annually. Walleye fry are currently stocked in area lakes surrounding the reservation that are used during spring spearing. Future plans call for constructing rearing ponds to raise the fry to fingerling size and

expanding the facility to increase production capabilities. Indian communities have traditionally depended on a healthy and abundant fishery for subsistence. Today, the importance of the Great Lakes and inland fisheries to tribes is reflected in the growth of tribal hatcheries throughout the Great Lakes region, and subsequent re-stocking efforts. The prevalence of new hatchery operations and the expansion of existing facilities indicates that a healthy fishery and commitment to the resource is high on the tribes' priority list. (*Frank Stone, Ashland FRO*)

Challenge Costshare Program Benefits Bobolinks in Wisconsin

Through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, 40 acres of tallgrass prairie and oak savanna are being restored on private land in southwest Wisconsin.

The restoration of tallgrass prairie and oak savanna, in conjunction with conservation farming practices, has resulted in at least 12 male bobolinks establishing breeding territories on the restoration site.

Management activities include clearing brush, removal of tree rows that serve as predator travel corridors, prescribed burning, and establishing prairie. Connecting native habitats with surrogate grasslands, (i.e. alfalfa hay) and delaying harvest of these surrogate grasslands provides quality nesting habitat for rare and declining grassland bird species. Bobolinks are a Conservation Priority Species in Region 3. (*Kurt Waterstradt, Wisconsin Private Lands Office*)

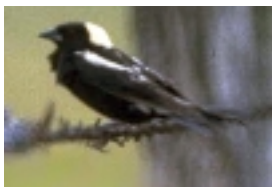


Photo by Jim Stasz.

Abandoned Paintbrushes Donated to Chicago Students

Students in Chicago schools were beneficiaries of a recent Service donation of more than 12,000 illegally imported paintbrushes.

Service wildlife inspectors handed over the brushes to school officials during a informal ceremony in front of the Service's display in the departures level at O'Hare Airport's International Terminal.

The brushes, made of squirrel and

sable hair, were imported in violation of federal laws. The importer chose to abandon the shipment. The Service coordinated with the City of Chicago to distribute the brushes to its city schools and park district. The donation benefits local education programs while raising public awareness of the illegal wildlife trade in the United States. (*Keri Halpin, Chicago Inspection Office*)

School Students, Corps of Engineers Help LaCrosse District Staff Plant 550 Saplings

One hundred eight second graders and 26 high school students from LaCrescent - Hokah Elementary and High Schools in LaCrescent, Minn., recently joined members of the Upper Mississippi River NW&FR-LaCrosse District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to plant 550 trees as part of a restoration project near LaCrescent, Minn.

The bottomland forest saplings were planted on a quarter-mile section of old Highway 16 that was removed last year as part of the La

Crescent's Shore Acres Road Improvement Project.

The restored area and adjoining wetlands (about 5 acres) will become part of the Refuge through a land exchange between the City of LaCrescent and the Service. The students enjoyed the tree planting day, declaring the event as "the best day of second grade!"

The event was covered by two television stations and two newspapers. (*Mary Stefanski, Upper Miss Refuge - LaCrosse*)

Agassiz's Moose Studies Presented at 35th North American Moose Conference in Grand Portage, Minn.

Two Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge staff and a PhD student researcher at the refuge conducted presentations at the 35th North American Moose Conference held May 15-20 in Grand Portage, Minn.

Two research papers were presented: "A Land Managers Perspective on Research," by Refuge Manager Margaret Anderson, and "Decline of Moose Population in Northwest Minnesota," by Gary Huschle, refuge biologist.

Eric Cox, a PhD candidate from the University of Idaho presented "Moose Population Dynamics in Northwest Minnesota: An Interim Report."



About 120 people attended the international conference, some from as far away as Norway, Sweden, Finland and Canada. In addition to the presentation of scientific papers and case studies, attendees traveled to Isle Royale, Mich., to observe moose habitat issues first hand.

The conference was hosted by the Grand Portage Chippewa, the first time a conference was held on a Reservation. Region 3 was a major sponsor of the conference. Other agency partners participating included the Minnesota DNR, Universities of Massachusetts and Idaho. 1854 Authority and other Minnesota tribes. (Margaret Anderson, Agassiz NWR)

Surveys Show Improved Moose Calf Production in Northwest Minnesota

Recent surveys of moose calves on Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge and State lands in northwest Minnesota show an increase in moose birth rates over previous years.

Aerial calf surveys were conducted over four days by Eric Cox, a University of Idaho PhD student. Cox observed radio-collared cows in three study sites during the survey which concluded June 3. A total of 37 calves were spotted; with nine sets of twins.

Calf production on the Refuge and in Beltrami Island State Forest was vastly improved over recent years. Moose cow pregnancy rates jumped from 28 percent in 1998, to 71 percent this year on the Refuge, and from 33 percent to 50 percent at Beltrami State Forest. Viking Agricultural Area also improved from 43 percent last year to 50 percent this year.

The survey data is positive news for Refuge and State moose managers who have seen populations decline over the past five years. A

hard winter in 1997, combined with late spring flooding contributed to depressed pregnancy rates and increased mortality. Typically, moose herds take two years to recover after a harsh winter.

This year's survey also shows that there are significantly fewer cows in area herds, but more of them are producing calves.

Partners in the surveys include the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Universities of Idaho and Massachusetts, Wildlife Forever, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and Rice Area Sportsmen.

Area survey results are as follows:
Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge:
 Twins: 2 Singles: 11 Total: 15
 12 cows w/calves out of 21 collared
Beltrami Island State Forest:
 Twins: 3 Singles: 4 Total: 10
 7 cows w/calves out of 14 collared
Viking Agricultural Area:
 Twins: 4 Singles: 4 Total: 12
 8 cows w/calves out of 15 total
 (Margaret Anderson, Agassiz NWR)

Researcher Killed While Conducting Aerial Moose Survey in NW Minnesota

On June 11, Eric Cox, 29, a Ph.D. candidate who headed the northwest Minnesota Moose Research Project since its inception in 1996, and Grant Coyour, 43, pilot and Minnesota Conservation Officer were killed when the DNR aircraft they were using to conduct aerial moose telemetry surveys crashed near Baudette, Minnesota.

Cox, a native of Harbor Springs, Mich., lived on-site at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge and the DNR's Red Lake Wildlife Management Area during the project. He worked closely with both Service and Minnesota DNR researchers and biologists to determine the cause of the declining moose population in northwest Minnesota.

"Eric will be missed by many, both for his contributions to this project and because of his tremendous potential," said Agassiz NWR Manager Margaret Anderson. "Volunteers have used their experiences working with Eric to launch their own careers in wildlife."

Environmental Management Project Will Protect 60 Acres of Habitat on Upper Mississippi River Refuge

Construction will begin next month on an Environmental Management Program (EMP) project that will help protect 60 acres of wildlife habitat along the Mississippi River near Winona, Minn.

A pre-construction conference for the Bank Stabilization, Stage 3, Pool 6 EMP Project was held with the Army Corps of Engineers May 6.

Construction was to begin in June, but is being postponed until July to allow for fledging of a bald eagle from a nest near the project area.

The project will preserve, restore, and enhance backwater fish and migratory bird habitat on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge by maintaining existing island shoreline, reducing

and eliminating flow through breaches in existing islands. The project should be completed by fall of 1999. Partners in the project include the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District; Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. *(Keith L. Beseke, UMRNW&FR)*

Joint Venture Managers Tour Environmental Management Project on Lower Illinois River

Refuge and Illinois DNR staff recently co-hosted a tour of the lower Illinois River for approximately 25 members of the the Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Region Joint Venture Management Board.

The tour consisted of a ride on the State's ferry boat from Hardin, Ill., to the Brussels Ferry Landing. Although rain kept the group under a tarp for most of the trip, the participants did get a glimpse of State and Service managed areas along this section of the Illinois River, including Swan Lake - a 2,600-acre backwater area which is the site of a current multi-million dollar Environmental Management Program project.

The tour corresponded with the board's meeting at Pere Marquette State Park, Ill., May 12-13, 1999. *(Howard Phillips, Mark Twain NWR-Brussels District)*

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